10. Puducherry: The Government of Puducherry has informed that there are no recognized Scheduled Tribes in the Union Territory of Puducherry and also no land in Puducherry is classified as "Forest Land" coming within the definition of Clause 2(d) of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

Swadhar scheme in Himachal Pradesh

2760. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women benefited by Swadhar Scheme in Himachal Pradesh;\

(b) the details of funds sanctioned and released to Himachal Pradesh for implementation of Swadhar Scheme during the year 2008-09 and 2009-10;

(c) whether Government has received any complaints regarding the diversion of funds to other activities; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) There is no Swadhar shelter Home functioning in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Programmes under ICDS

†2761. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the programmes being operated throughout the country under Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), State-wise;

(b) whether the economic assistance is also being provided to Non-Government Organizations through this scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof. State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) to (c) The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) is a centrally sponsored Scheme implemented through the State Government/UT Administrations. It aims a holistic development of children below six years of age and pregnant women and lactation mothers by providing a package of six services comprising supplementary nutrition, immunization, health check up, referral services, pre-school non-formal education and nutrition and health education.

Of the six services, health components namely, immunization, health check up, referral services are delivered through public health infrastructure under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

---

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.